

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
September 6, 2016

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Backer, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the August 16th regular meeting.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – RDC; PrimeWest; Planning & Zoning

Sandberg – MSI; Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Athey – Prairie 5; Planning & Zoning

Backer – Bois de Sioux

Attorney Watson reported that he has been working with HR to develop a job description for the classification of a legal assistant position.

Scott Gillespie, the County's appointee to the Bois de Sioux Watershed District, was present to update the Board on the District's continuation plan after the resignation of the administrative team at their August meeting. The Board of Managers is diligently working to see that the District continues to fulfill its mission.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's recent activities for the Board's review.

EMD Dona Greiner provided an update on what she has been working on since the last meeting and the status of the Emergency Operations Plan. HR Director Dawn Gregoire was also present.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to appoint the following to the EMAC Committee of the Central MN Emergency Services Board:

Representative – EMD Dona Greiner

Alternate – Chairman Wade Athey

A letter has been received from Joe Kelly, State Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management informing both counties that the funding rules for 2017 specify that a director shall not be appointed to serve more than one county. Discussion was held on the fact that during a phone conversation at a previous meeting with Mr. Kelly, where the question was specifically asked if statute prohibited the sharing of a director, he stated that it did not. A meeting will be scheduled with Mr. Kelly to discuss this matter further.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as presented by Auditor Knutson:

Motorola	\$ 2,518.50
Sanford Health	2,250.00
Varidesk	5,005.20
William Watson	4,456.16
West Con	12,197.63
48 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>15,388.50</u>

Total

\$41,815.99

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the new items for display in the rotunda by the Big Stone Arts Council. Featured artist is Aliza Anderson.

IT Director Terry Ocaña updated the Board on a data breach with a vendor. Ocaña is continuing to work with the vendor to resolve the issue.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke was present to report on the recent Planning Commission meeting for the Conditional Use Permit for the proposed Dollar General store east of Graceville. Wilke reported that the Planning Commission is recommending that the Board deny the permit application. He also stated that he has not heard from Dollar General since the meeting. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to deny the permit application as recommended by the Planning Commission. The final findings of fact will be prepared and brought for approval to the next meeting. Audrey Rahrlien and Jon Pansch were also present for the discussion representing the City of Graceville and Graceville Township, respectively.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing the County's 2017 budget. Department Heads Pam Rud, Terry Ocaña and Dawn Gregoire were also present to discuss their respective budgets.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 11:21 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor